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ABSTRACT

This report compares new cadets at USMA in the Class of 1988 with entering freshmen at institutions in the following norm groups: all four-year colleges, highly selective public four-year colleges, and very highly selective four-year private colleges. Data are presented on secondary school and socioeconomic backgrounds, values, interests, and activity patterns, and are based on the American Council on Education's yearly survey.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A. <u>PURPOSE</u>. This report contains information, for rapid reference, on the U.S. Military Academy Class of 1988 and on three norm groups of freshmen at other colleges.
- B. METHODOLOGY. The United States Military Academy participates in the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) of the American Council on Education (ACE) and the University of California at Los Angeles. On 1 July 1984, the Military Academy Class of 1988 entered West Point; and on the second day of Cadet Basic Training, 99% of this class completed the ACE survey on secondary school and socioeconomic backgrounds, values, interests, and activity patterns. The results of all colleges participating in the survey are compiled at UCLA. This report compares new cadets at USMA in the Class of 1988 with entering freshmen in the following norm groups: all four-year colleges, highly selective public four-year colleges, and very highly selective four-year private colleges. The responses to all questions in the survey are given in Tables 1-31 of the report. A summary of responses is given below.

C. RESULTS.

- 1. Catholics make up a larger proportion of the entering USMA Class of 1988, in comparison with the national norm group of four-year colleges. Cadets come from a wider geographical distribution than students entering other colleges; parents of entering cadets are more highly educated and have higher incomes than parents of students at all four-year colleges.
- 2. A larger proportion of entering cadets reported high school averages of "A-" or above than any of the norm groups compared. Significantly more new cadets had met or exceeded the recommended years of study in mathematics, physical science, and foreign languages than students in the four-year college norm group. Graduate degree aspirations continue to be important to a majority of cadets.
- 3. New cadets continue to exhibit more conservative political preferences than students at other four-year colleges, although entering female cadets are somewhat less conservative than male cadets. Cadets, male and female, are less materialistic than students in the four-year college norm group. Students attach greater importance to keeping up with political affairs and having administrative responsibility than other entering college students.
- 4. Although the admission of women to USMA has changed the Corps somewhat, overall, female cadets are more similar to male cadets in their attitudes and achievements than they are to women entering other colleges. Female cadets differ most from male cadets in their attitudes toward social and family issues.

I. INTRODUCTION

The United States Military Academy participates in the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) of the American Council on Education (ACE) and the University of California at Los Angeles. Since it began in 1966, the CIRP has provided data which make it possible to compare new cadets at USMA with students entering a wide variety of colleges. It has been the only systematic source of data available to USMA for making such objective comparisons. Each year the Office of Institutional Research has published a report describing the characteristics of the new cadets in comparison to students at other colleges which participate in the survey (see Saunders, 1984, 1 for the most recent report). The current report continues OIR's practice of publishing results of the ACE survey, and presents data obtained from members of the Class of 1988 at USMA and elsewhere.

II. METHOD

- A. On 1 July 1984, 1,242 men and 159 women entered West Point as the Class of 1988. Of this entering group, 1,396 completed the ACE survey during the second day of Cadet Basic Training. Of the group that was tested, 146 reported prior college experience. Since the national norms published by the American Council on Education² deal exclusively with first-time, full-time freshmen, this report presents the opinions and characteristics of 1,104 male and 146 female cadets without prior college experience.
- B. The ACE annual national norms survey collects data on secondary school and socioeconomic backgrounds, values, interests, and activity patterns.³ This report compares responses of West Point cadets with those of students in various types of undergraduate institutions, highlighting similarities and differences between West Point and other groups of schools.
- C. Since the Federal Service Academies have a unique role in higher education, there are no exactly parallel reference groups available for comparison purposes. However, four reference groups of freshmen with certain similarities are considered in this report: (1) all four-year colleges (male freshmen), (2) all four-year colleges (female freshmen), (3) four-year public colleges with high selectivity (all freshmen), and (4) four-year private nonsectarian colleges with very high selectivity (all freshmen). In 1984, these reference groups included over one-hundred eighty thousand participants from 345 institutions. The four-year colleges are those institutions which primarily grant a bachelor's degree only. The four-year public colleges with high selectivity are those institutions with mean SAT-Verbal plus SAT-Math scores of 1,025 or more. Four service academies, as well as five other colleges, are included in this norm group. The four-year private non-sectarian colleges with very high selectivity are those institutions with mean SAT-Verbal plus SAT-Math scores of 1175 or more. All freshmen of both sexes are included in the last two groups.
- D. All of the questions in the original ACE 1984 Student Information Form, which were reported to participating institutions on a Data Summary printout, are included in this report with the following exceptions: (1) residence planned during fall term; (2) highest degree planned here; (3) marital status; (4) concern about financing college; (5) sources of financial support; (6) U.S. citizen; and (7) type of high school attended.

Saunders, M. H. <u>New Cadets and Other College Freshmen, Class of 1987</u>. West Point: Office of Institutional Research, April 1984. Report #84-001.

The American Freshman: National Norms for Fall 1984. Cooperative Institutional Research Program of the American Council on Education and the University of California, Los Angeles.

 $^{^{3}}$ The questionnaire is included as Appendix A.

III. RESULTS

A. General.

- 1. The results are presented in Tables 1 through 31. An "a" superscript for an item indicates over a 10-point difference when USMA males are compared to all four-year college males, or when USMA females are compared to all four-year college females. A "b" indicates over a 10-point difference between male and female cadets. This report has made no systematic attempt to explain the differences noted.
- 2. As an aid in interpreting the data, the items in Tables 14, 21, 22, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31 have been rearranged in descending order of frequency of selection by male cadets. Results of selected items are described below under the headings of "Institutional Effects" and "Differences by Sex." Institutional effects are the special characteristics of cadets at the Military Academy when compared to students at the institutions of the norm groups.

B. Institutional Effects.

- 1. More cadets (42%) in the Class of 1988 list their current religious preference as Roman Catholic, compared to students (36%) in the national norm group of four-year colleges (Table 3). Due to the requirement of candidates to obtain a nomination, cadets come from a wider geographical distribution than do students at other four-year colleges (Table 7). Fifty-two percent of the fathers of cadets had college or graduate degrees, while only 36% of the students in all four-year colleges had fathers with this level of education (Table 8a). Seventy percent of the mothers of entering cadets had some education beyond high school, while 52% of the mothers of students in the norm group had this education (Table 8b). The median parental income of cadets in the Class of 1988 was significantly higher than the parental income of students in the national norm group (Table 11a).
- 2. Sixty percent of entering cadets received an average grade of "A-" or above in secondary school, a larger proportion than that in any of the norm groups used for comparison (Table 15). The proportion of freshmen reporting "A" averages from high school has declined slightly in all categories, evidence that earlier "grade inflation" may be ended. Significantly more new cadets had met or exceeded the recommended years of study in mathematics, physical science, and foreign language than had students in the four-year college norm group (Table 17). Freshmen in the fall of 1984 filled out more college applications than any previous freshmen class. Cadets applied to, and were accepted by more colleges than students in all four-year colleges; but students at the very highly selective four-year private colleges applied to, and were accepted by, more colleges than cadets (Tables 24 and 25).
- 3. As in previous classes, a large majority (85%) of the USMA Class of 1988 cited "this college's" good academic reputation as being important to them in selecting the Academy, whereas only 57% of students at all four-year colleges cited this as an important factor in their selection of a college (Table 27). The concern of members of the Class of 1988 with their college's academic reputation matches most closely with students entering private, very highly selective colleges, as does their interest in pursuing graduate degrees (Tables 20 and 27). A large majority (88%) of cadets plan to continue their education past the B.A. level, compared to 60% of students at all four-year colleges (Table 20).
- 4. New cadets continue to hold more conservative political opinions than students at four-year colleges (Table 29). Among entering students at all four-year colleges, slightly more call themselves either "liberal" or "far left" (22%) than "conservative" or "far right" (20%). Among entering cadets, conservatives outnumber liberals by better than three-to-one (Table 28).

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5. In the area of personal values, entering cadets differ from other students entering four-year colleges in several areas. Students in the four-year college norm group are more interested in making money than at any other time in the history of the survey--68% say that a very important reason for attending college is "to be able to make more money," and 71% feel that "being very well-off financially" is a very important goal in life, ranking second only to "be an authority in my field" (Table 31). In contrast, less than two-thirds (59%) of entering cadets consider it important to "be very well-off financially." Cadets are significantly more interested in keeping up with political affairs, and having administrative responsibility than other entering college students.

C. Differences by Sex.

- 1. Overall, there is greater similarity between male and female cadets in the Class of 1988 than between female cadets and women entering other colleges in 1984. However, some differences which do exist between male and female cadets are of interest.
- 2. More cadet women had average secondary school grades of "A-" or above (74%) than did cadet men (58%) (Table 15). In regard to reasons very important in deciding to go to college, USMA women listed several significantly more often than male cadets: gain a general education, learn more about things, get a better job, prepare for graduate school, meet new and interesting people, and improve reading/study skills (Table 26).
- 3. Male cadets tend to be more conservative in their attitudes than female cadets (Table 29). Male cadets agreed more frequently that federal military spending should be increased, and women's activities are best in the home. Female cadets more frequently favored instituting a national health care plan. More women also agreed that the government was not doing enough to promote disarmament.
- 4. Regarding college expectations (Table 30), a larger proportion of female cadets feel that the chances are very good that they will change their major field and their career choice. This is true both in comparison with male cadets, and with women entering all four-year colleges. In virtually all instances, female cadets were very similar to male cadets in their long-run objectives. A striking exception is that significantly fewer female than male cadets consider it essential or very important to raise a family (Table 31).

SECTION I: BIOGRAPHICAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

1. Age in Years as of December 1984*

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	Public College High Selectivity	Private College Very High Selectivity
16 or Younger	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
17	1.2	1.4	2.1	3.0	3.2	5.6
18	66.8	72.2	71.4	79.5	78.9	79.8
19	24.9	24.3	22.6	15.0	15.9	13.7
20	5.1	0.0	2.2	1.1	1.2	0.6
21 or Over	2.0	2.1	1.7	1.3	0.7	0.1
(18 or Less)	(68.1)	(73.6)	(73.5)	(82.6)	(82.2)	(85.6)

2. Racial Background

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
Causasian/White	86.0%	84.9%	83.5%	81.2%	89.6%	88.3%
Negro/Black	7.2	8.9	12.9	15.3	4.9	3.9
American Indian	0.6	1.4	1.5	1.4	0.8	0.8
Oriental	3.3	3.4	1.4	1.4	2.7	5.9
Mexican-American/ Chicano	1.6	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6
Puerto Rican- American	0.8	1.4	0.6	0.7	1.1	0.6
Other	1.5	0.7	1.4	1.3	2.1	2.2

^{*}All columns of each table of this report are for first-time freshmen.

4-Year 4-Year Public Private College College High Very High Selectivity Selectivity
41.0% 33.3%
42.3 27.1
2.9 11.8
4.3 6.4
9.5 21.4

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4.	Residence Preferred			4-Year Public	4-Year Private		
	Wiek	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	College High Selectivity	College Very High Selectivity
	With parents or relatives	20.3%	29.9% ^a	16.8%	15.6%	12.7%	3.8%
	Other private home or apartment	24.7	20.7	26.7	24.5	22.3	9.1
	College Dormitory	32.6	31.0^{a}	42.5	47.4	50.6	76.7
	Fraternity or Sorority house	11.9	6.9	6.6	5.1	7.3	3.9
	Other campus housing	3.6	2.3	5.7	5.7	4.5	5.5
	Otner	7.0	9.2	1.9	1.8	2.6	1.0

a USMA males over 10 percentage points different from all 4-year college males. In all tables of this report, an "a" indicates over a 10-point difference when USMA males are compared to all 4-year college males or when USMA females are compared to 4-year college females.

^{*}Other consists of Buddhist, Eastern Orthodox, Islamic, and "Other Religion."

A "b" indicates over a 10-point difference between male and female cadets.

5. Permission Given to Use Student I.D.

		4 V 4 V	Public	Private
	USMA USMA (Male) (Female)	4-Year 4-Year College College (Male) (Female)	ege High	College Very High Selectivity
Yes	99.6% ^a 100.0% ^a	79.6% 81.8	83.3%	75.2%

6. Year Graduated from High School

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	Public College High Selectivity	Private College Very High Selectivity	
1984	85.7%	84.0% ^a	95.1%	96.0%	95.7%	98.1%	
1983	9.5	13.9 ^a	2.7	2.1	3.0	1.5	
1982	3.6	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	
1981 or Earlier	1.2	2.1	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.1	
H.S. Equivalency (GED)	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	
Never Completed High School	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	

7. Distance from Home to College

Discussed 170m Home	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
10 Miles or Less	1.3% ^a	2.1% ^a	15.3%	15.9%	4.0%	3.2%
11-50 Miles	2.9 ^a	6.2 ^a	27.0	29.1	19.4	8.5
51-100 Miles	6.1	4.8 ^a	16.1	17.9	11.4	12.0
101-500 Miles	28.1	26.7	28.6	26.6	29.3	45.0
More than 500 Miles	61.6 ^a	60.3 ^a	13.0	10.6	36.0	31.3

8. Parents' Highest Level of Education

а.	Father'	s	Education
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a. Father's Educati	USMA	USMA (Female)	4-Year College	4-Year College	4-Year Public College High	4-Year Private College Very High
Grammar school	(1.110)	(remare)	(Male)	(Female)	Selectivity	Selectivity
or less	1.5%	1.4%	4.3%	5.1%	2.0%	1.3%
Some high school	5.2	6.2	8.6	9.5	4.9	2.0
High school graduate	17.3 ^a	15.8 ^a	27.4	28.2	18.4	7.6
Post-secondary other than college	2.6	4.8	4.7	5.7	5.2	2.5
Some college	16.4	15.1	14.5	14.5	15.2	7.8
College degree	24.2	24.7	21.1	19.4	26.4	23.3
Some graduate						
school	4.7	4.8	2.5	2.6	4.8	5.6
Graduate degree	28.1 ^a	27.4 ^a	16.8	15.1	23.1	50.1
(High school grad or less)	(24.0) ^a	(23.4) ^a	(40.3)	(42.8)	(25.3)	(10.9)

b. Mother's Education

b. Mother's Educat Grammar school	usma (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
or less	0.8%	2.8%	2.6%	3.2%	1.7%	1.2%
Some high school	2.8	4.8	6.7	7.9	3.9	1.5
High school graduate	26.1 ^a	22.8 ^a	38.7	37.5	29.0	12.9
Post-secondary other than college	8.7	6.9	7.5	8.2	9.7	6.5
Some college	21.1	18.6	16.0	16.3	18.8	12.8
College degree	24.0	29.7 ^a	17.9	17.0	22.0	33.2
Some graduate school	3.7	5.5	2.6	2.5	4.3	7.5
Graduate degree	12.8	9.0	7.9	7.4	10.7	24.4
(High school grad or less)	(29.7) ^a	(30,4) ^a	(48.0)	(48.6)	(34.6)	(15.6)

Parents' Occupations

a. Father's Occupation

Artist (incl	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
performer)	0.7%	1.4%	1.0%	1.0%	0.9^{o}_{o}	2.2%
Businessman	29.5	21.8	30.5	27.9	29.0	34.9
Clergy or religious worker	1.0	0.0	1.4	1.3	0.9	1.4
Educator (college teacher or administrator)	1.8	2.1	1.2	1.0	1.7	4.8
Doctor or Dentist	1.8	0.0	2.4	1.9	1.9	10.7
Educator (secondary)	6.8	6.3	3.9	3.3	5.3	4.9
Educator (elementary)	1.1	2.8	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.8
Engineer	8.2	16.2	7.7	8.2	12.9	7.7
Tarmer or Forester	2.0	0.7	3.0	3.3	1.5	0.6
Health professional (non-MD)	1.7	0.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0
Lawyer	2.6	2.8	1.7	1.5	1.7	9.3
Military Careerist	8.7	9.9	2.3	2.0	4.7	0.8
Research Scientist	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.9	2.1
Skilled worker	10.1	10.6	10.9	9.8	8.5	3.1
Semi-skilled worker	4.1	3.5	5.0	4.2	3.2	1.4
Laborer (unskilled)	0.9	0.7	3.4	3.2	1.3	0.6
Unemployed	1.0	1.4	2.3	3.2	1.3	1.1
Other Occupation	17.7	19.7	20.7	20.2	22.2	14.6

Reasons Noted as Very Important in Selecting this College

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
College has a good academic reputation	84.6%	90.4% ^a	51.9%	61.3%	82.5%	86.3%
Graduates get good jobs	77.4 ^a	81.9 ^a	44.5	48.0	70.9	54.8
Graduates go to top grad schools	48.1 ^a	56.3	24.6	27.8	38.4	51.7
Offered financial assistance	40.2 ^a	41.7	25.2	27.0	28.3	25.6
Offered special education programs	36.6 ^a	40.6 ^a	18.8	26.9	36.5	22.4
Has low tuition	27.6	26.8	18.7	20.7	30.7	1.4
Recruited by Athletic Dept	14.1	13.8	10.1	2.4	5.8	4.0
Has a good social reputation	12.4	13.1	21.0	22.2	20.6	24.5
Relatives wanted me to go	9.3	13.7	6.3	7.2	6.6	4.7
Advice of guid- ance counselor	5.1	8.3	7.1	7.9	6.8	8.9
Recruited by college rep	4.8	4.9	5.3	4.2	2.5	3.2
Teacher advised me	3.6	6.2	4.2	4.7	4.1	5.8
Not offered aid by first choice	2.8	3.5	4.4	4.6	3.9	2,5
Friend suggested attending	2.2	3.5	6,9	7.6	5.1	4.8
Wanted to live near home	1.3	0.0	15.4	20.6	7.9	5.2

26. Reasons Noted as Very Important in Deciding to Go to College

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
Gain general education	62.3% ^b	79.5%	60.3%	73.5%	69.5%	83.6%
Learn more about things	60.3 ^b	74.0	66.9	77.7	74.8	85.7
Able to get a better job	56.4 ^{a,b}	69.2	72.4	74.5	69.9	57.3
Able to make more money	46.1 ^a	45.9 ^a	69.0	62.4	59.6	48.1
Prepare for graduate school	41.5	61.6 ^{a,b}	45.0	51.0	48.6	66.1
Meet new and in- teresting people	35.7 ^{a,b}	65.1	50.9	66.0	58.0	74.1
Become a more cultured person	33.0	42.5	30.5	42.1	36.7	50.6
<pre>Improve reading/ study skills</pre>	31.3 ^b	45.2	39.5	46.4	34.5	44.4
Parents wanted me to go	25.4	24.0 ^a	29.6	34.7	24.8	27.0
Wanted to get away from home	7.0	8.9	11.8	12.7	12.5	16.1
Nothing better to do	2.2	4.1	2.3	1.9	2.2	2.7
Could not find a job	1.5	2.1	4.4	4.9	2.5	1.6

3.	Choice of College (1	USMA (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity		
	First Choice	88.6% ^a	86.8% ^a	70.2% ^a	79.3%	82.3%	66.8%
	Second Choice	9.0 ^a	11.1 ^a	22.4	22.1	13.6	22.5
	Third Choice	1.8	1.4	5.1	4.2	2.8	7.2
	Less than Third Choice	0.5	0.7	2.3	1.5	1.3	3.5
4.	Number of College Ap	plication	<u>ns</u>				
	This College Only	20.9%	20.3%	26.8%	30.1%	14.8%	14.5%
	One Other	14.7	18.9	16.1	19.4	17.3	5.6
	Two Others	16.2	14.0	19.3	19.4	19.7	8.8
	Three Others	18.2	16.1	17.5	15.4	19.3	13.7
	Four Others	11.3	10.5	9.6	7.5	12.5	15.3
	Five Others	7.2	4.9	5.1	4.1	7.4	15.3
	Six or More	11.4	15.4	5.5	4.1	8.9	26.8
	(None or One Other)	(35.6)	(39.2) ^a	(42.9)	(49.5)	(32.1)	(20.1)
	Median # of Others	1.89	1.77	1.37	1.02	1.91	3.48
5.	Number of College Ac	ceptance	<u>s</u>				
	This College Only	12.0%	9.2%	13.8%	11.8%	5.7%	4.8%
	One Other	24.1	25.2	28.0	31.6	25.5	15.5
	Two Others	24.1	21.0	25.3	26.3	25.7	21.6
	Three Others	20.1	19.3	18.4	17.4	21.1	23.4
	Four Others	10.4	9.2	8.0	7.3	11.6	16.0
	Five Others	4.1	7.6	3.4	3.3	5.4	9.0
	Six or More	5.2	8.4	3.1	2.3	5.0	9.8
	(None or One Other)	(36.1)	(34.4)	(41.8)	(43.4)	(31.2)	(20.3)
	Median # of Others	1.58	1.74	1.32	1.25	1.73	2.35

Major Fields of Study* 4-Year 4-Year Public Private College 4-Year 4-Year College USMA USMA High College College Very High (Female) (Male) (Male) (Female) Selectivity Selectivity Electrical 5.8% 3.5% Engineering 13.1% 6.9% 0.7% 11.4% Aeronautical Engineering 12.3 7.6 2.7 0.5 14.4 0.7 18.8^a Political Science 10.6 3.1 9.4 2.5 4.4 Mechanical 9.7 Engineering 5.6 3.0 0.3 4.8 1.7 Civil Engineering 8.1 3.5 1.5 0.2 2.4 0.6 Other Engineering 1.8 4.3 1.3 5.3 2.1 0.5 Management 4.7 2.1 6.7 4.1 3.2 1.4 Military Science 2.8 0.3 0.0 0.8 0.0 4. i

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Probable Career Occu	pation*				4-Year Public	4-Year Private
	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	College High Selectivity	College Very High Selectivity
Military Service (career)	41.7% ^a	,b 28.4% ^a	4.0%	0.6%	20.2%	0.4%
Engineer	28.1 ^a	22.7 ^a	13.7	2.6	28.6	8.5
Business Executive	6.3	6.4	15.1	11.0	5.2	9.8
Physician	3.9	7.1	4.6	3.6	3.0	13.2
Lawyer	2.9	3.5	5.1	3.9	2.3	11.0
Computer Programmer/ Analyst	2.7	0.7	8.0	4.6	5.7	1.5
Other	1.7	2.1	4.4	6.3	4.3	3.7
Foreign Service	1.6	5.7	0.7	1.0	0.9	3.9
Undecided	7.0	12.8	10.2	13.2	8.2	22.6

 $[\]mbox{^{\star}Nine}$ most frequently mentioned by USMA male first time college students.

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SECTION III: EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS

20. Highest Degree Planned Anywhere

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
None	0.4%	0.7%	1.6%	1.2%	0.4%	0.4%
Associate (or equivalent)	0.1	0.0	1.1	2.1	0.2	. 0.0
Bachelor's Degree (BA, BS)	12.4 ^a	9.6ª	36.1	36.4	21.2	9.4
Master's Degree (MA, MS)	52.5 ^a	43.7	34.6	36.3	49.3	34.2
Ph.D. or Ed.D.	23.4 ^a	25.2 ^a	11.5	11.3	19.7	24.4
MD, DDS, or DVM	6.1	16.3 ^a	6.7	5.9	5.2	16.6
LLB or JD	4.6	4.4	4.9	3.9	2.7	12.8
BD or M.DIV.	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.4
Other	0.4	0.0	2.2	1.9	0.9	1.6
(Bachelor's Degree or Less)	(12.9) ^a	(10.3) ^a	(38.8)	(39.7)	(21.8)	(9.8)

18. Have had Remedial Work in:

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	Public College High Selectivity	Private College Very High Selectivity
English	4.6%	5.5%	6.9%	4.7%	3.6%	3.6%
Reading	2.8	3.4	6.5	4.6	3.0	3.0
Mathematics	6.9	8.9	9.7	9.4	6.0	6.0
Social Studies	2.5	4.1	5.0	3.4	2.5	2.5
Science	3.3	3.4	5.1	4.0	3.0	3.0
Foreign Language	3.2	3.4	4.7	3.6	2.6	2.6

19. Will Need Remedial Work in:

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
English	11.2%	7.5%	13.6%	9.2%	5.9%	5.9%
Reading	2.9	0.7	5.0	3.7	2.4	2.4
Mathematics	14.4	22.6	21.2	26.5	12.6	12.6
Social Studies	2.0	6.2	2.5	3.3	1.8	1.8
Science	10.6	17.1	9.1	13.2	9.1	9.1
Foreign Language	16.0	13.0	12.3	8.9	7.9	7.9

17. Academic Preparation

Have Met or Exceeded Recommended Years of Study in:

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity	
English (4 years)	98.0%	97.8%	92.9%	94.2%	97.9%	98.1%	
Mathematics (3 yrs)	99.3	98.6 ^a	89.8	85.3	97.4	98.5	
Foreign Language (2 yrs)	80.0 ^a	89.1 ^a	65.2	71.7	84.7	97.1	
Physical Science (2 yrs)	74.1 ^a	67.6 ^a	59.2	48.3	70.3	71.7	
Biological Science (2 yrs)	28.5	34.5	33.7	37.3	28.1	38.1	
History or American Government (1 yr)	99.5	98.6	99.0	98.7	99.0	99.4	
Other Social Studies (2 yrs)	29.6	33.6	32.2	30.7	33.6	34.8	
Computer Science (½ yr)	61.4	58.4	59.0	48.4	67.2	61.6	
Art or Music (1 yr)	42.3 ^a ,b	56.9 ^a	55.9	67.3	54.9	67.9	

SECTION II: SECONDARY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

15. Average Grade in Secondary School

		USMA emale)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
A or A+	32.0% ^{a,b}	44.8% ^a	8.1%	11.8%	30.3%	23.7%
A-	25.7 ^a	29.0 ^a	9.6	13.3	24.5	28.2
B+	23.2	17.2	16.5	21.4	25.1	27.2
В	13.7 ^a	9.0 ^a	24.1	26.3	14.9	15.4
B-	3.8 ^a	0.0 ^a	15.9	11.8	3.3	4.3
C+	1.0 ^a	0.0	15.0	9.9	1.3	1.1
С	0.6	0.0	10.1	5.3	0.5	0.2
D	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.0
(A-, A or A+)	(57.7) ^{a,b} (73.8) ^a	(17.7)	(25.1)	(54.8)	(51.9)

16. Academic Rank in High School

	USMA (Male) (1	USMA Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	Public College High Selectivity	Private College Very High Selectivity
Top Fifth	83.5% ^a	91.7% ^a	37.3%	46.8%	78.3%	78.8%
Second Fifth	12.2 ^a	8.3 ^a	24.7	22.3	14.9	14.6
Third Fifth	3.5 ^a	0.0 ^a	30.2	26.3	5.9	5.8
Fourth Fifth	0.7	0.0	6.7	4.1	0.8	0.6
Lowest Fifth	0.1	0.0	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.2

14. Activities Engaged in by Students During the Past Year (Continued)

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
Participated in speech or debate	35.18 ^a	30.8%	22.8%	22.6%	28.0%	31.5%
Played musical instrument	34.4 ^b	58.6	39.7	48.8	48.4	53.8
Overslept and missed class/appointment	18.9	21.2	28.5	27.8	23.9	32.7
Had a major part in a play	18.2	15.3	21.2	23.0	19.7	25.2
Participated in a science contest	17.9	19.4	19.4	14.2	20.6	16.3
Participated in a music contest	16.2	22.1	19.5	23.9	22.1	21.3
Edited school paper, yearbook, magazine	12.6	19.3	14.1	24.9	19.6	34.8
Worked in political campaign	11.1	14.5	9.4	10.4	9.6	14.4
Won award in an art contest	7.2	8.3	16.4	15.9	12.5	16.1
Took tranquilizing	2.4	2.1	4.7	4.7	3.2	4.5
Took a course on TV	2.4	1.4	5.3	3.6	3.3	2.5
Smoked cigarettes*	1.1	0.0 ^a	6.0	9.6	4.7	3.5

^{*}Frequently only; all other items frequently plus occasionally.

14.	Activities	Engaged	in by	Students	During	the Past	Year

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity	
Was bored in class	95.5%	96.6%	91.3%	93.4%	95.3%	95.3%	
Attended religious service	92.2	96.6	85.3	89.6	88.8	80.1	
Won a varsity letter in sports	83.6 ^a	87.0 ^a	59.9	40.3	59.8	53.1	
Performed volunteer work	79.2	81.5	70.8	74.4	76.2	77.1	
Vigorous exercise* (not jogging)	77.1 ^a	78.8 ^a	57.9	39.2	60.3	56.3	
Drank beer	73.2 ^b	56.8	72.4	60.3	69.8	92.8	
Stayed up all night	72.3	77.2	74.2	74.3	76.7	73.7	
Attended public recital/concert	72.0 ^b	82.9	71.3	80.5	78.7	85.2	
Did extra course work/reading	71.9	78.8	65.2	75.0	73.3	77.8	
Didn't complete homework on time	69.8 ^b	57.5	74.0	66.0	71.0	72.2	
Took vitamins	69.6	79.5	64.2	71.2	69.9	78.9	
Missed school because of illness	68.0	75.3	72.6	82.9	75.3	79.0	
Wrote a computer program	66.5	60.3 ^a	58.4	45.2	70.0	57.8	
Jogged*	66.4 ^a	69.9 ^a	32.1	20.0	40.4	28.7	
Took a computer- assisted course	45.4	42.8	43.7	38.4	47.5	38.4	
President of one or more student organizations	39.0	37.2	30.7	34.2	35.5	40.7	

^{*}Frequently only; all other items frequently plus occasionally.

11c.	Number of Other Dep	College					
		USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
	None	65.8%	62.8%	67.7%	67.5%	65.3%	59.2%
	One	26.1	28.3	23.7	24.0	25.9	29.7
	Two	6.5	7.6	6.1	6.1	6.4	7.7
	Three or More	1.5	1.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	3.2
12.	<u>Disabilities</u>	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
	Hearing	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.4%	0.7%
	Speech	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
	Partially Sighted	0.2	0.0	2.4	2.0	1.5	2.5
	Orthopedic	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.0
	Learning Disability	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.6
	Health-related	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.2	0.4	1.0
	Other	0.0	0.7	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.2
13.	<u>Twin Status</u>	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
	Identical twin	0.3%	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%

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Fraternal twin

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lla. Estimated Total Parental Income Last Year

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
Less than \$4,000	0.9%	0.0%	2.7%	4.3%	1.3%	1.0%
\$4,000-\$5,999	0.6	0.0	2.1	2.8	0.9	0.7
\$6,000-\$7,999	0.9	2.9	2.1	2.9	1.1	0.6
\$8,000-\$9,999	1.3	0.7	2.4	2.9	1.5	1.0
\$10,000-\$12,499	2.3	2.9	4.4	5.5	2.9	1.8
\$12,500-\$14,999	3.2	3.6	4.5	5.0	3.0	2.1
\$15,000-\$19,999	6.1	5.8	7.2	8.3	5.8	3.9
\$20,000-\$24,999	9.5	7.2	11.1	11.3	9.2	5.8
\$25,000-\$29,999	8.6	10.1	9.9	9.5	9.9	6.0
\$30,000-\$34,999	13.0	10.8	11.0	10.7	12.7	7.9
\$35,000-\$39,999	11.5	12.9	8.9	9.1	11.8	7.8
\$40,000-\$49,999	18.1	19.4	13.4	11.4	17.8	13.7
\$50,000-\$99,999	21.3	22.3	15.6	12.5	19.1	29.0
\$100,000 or more	2.8	1.4	4.6	3.7	3.0	18.7
(Less than \$20,000)	$(15.3)^{a}$	(15.9) ^a	(25.4)	(31.7)	(16.5)	(11.1)
Median =	\$36,564	\$37,325	\$31,635	\$28,683	\$35,719	\$44,160

11b. Persons Currently Dependent on Parents for Support

One	2.5%	2.7%	7.0%	5.3%	4.7%	3.5%
Two	7.7	4.1	13.6	11.9	10.7	11.0
Three	17.1	18.5	23.4	23.6	22,6	20.3
Four	32.6	28.8	28.7	29.7	30,6	33.3
Five	25.9	25.3	18.1	18.6	20,1	21.4
Six or More	14.2	20.5	9.0	11.0	11.3	10.5

10. Parents' Religious Preference

a. Father's Religious Preference

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	Public College High Selectivity	Private College Very High Selectivity
Protestant	49.1%	41.3%	49.1%	47.7%	42.8%	37.3%
Roman Catholic	38.6	46.3 ^a	35.0	35.4	40.8	27.3
Jewish	1.1	2.9	2.5	2.3	3.5	13.9
Other	2.6	0.7	6.1	6.3	4.1	6.2
None	8.6	8.8	7.3	8.3	8.8	15.3

b. Mother's Religious Preference

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	Public College High Selectivity	Private College Very High Selectivity
Protestant	50.7%	43.9%	50.7%	50.4%	44.3%	40.4%
Roman Catholic	40.3	49.6 ^a	35.9	36.7	43.1	29.2
Jewish	0.9	2.9	2.4	2.0	3.4	13.4
Other	3.6	0.7	6.7	7.0	4.5	6.4
None	4.5	2.9	4.3	3.9	4.7	10.6

b. Mother's Occupation

	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
Artist (incl performer)	1.6%	0.0%	1.5%	1.4%	1.5%	4.8%
Businesswoman	9.2	15.4	10.7	11.2	10.9	12.3
Business (clerical)	11.6	9.8	11.0	12.2	11.8	6.5
Clergy or religious worker	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
Educator (college teacher or administrator)	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	2.0
Doctor or Dentist	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.6
Educator (secondary)	6.2	7.0	3.8	3.2	5.3	6.5
Educator (elementary)	7.5	6.3	6.1	5.7	7.0	7.9
Engineer	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Farmer or Forester	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Health profession (non-MD)	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.5
Homemaker (full-time)	22.9	25.9	23.5	23.3	23.8	22.6
Lawyer	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.2
Nurse	8.9	10.5	7.5	7.4	8.3	6.2
Research Scientist	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5
Social, Welfare, Rec. worker	1.1	0.0	1.5	1.4	1.2	2.5
Skilled worker	2.6	3.5	2.5	1.6	2.4	0.9
Semi-skilled worker	2.4	2.1	3.2	2.8	2.5	1.0
Laborer (unskilled)	1.4	0.7	2.1	2.0	1.2	0.5
Unemployed	5.8	2.8	6.5	6.3	5.1	4.2
Other Occupation	13.8	13.3	16.7	18.1	15.8	15.7

SECTION IV: ATTITUDES, OPINIONS, AND OBJECTIVES

28. Current Political 1	Preference				4-Year Public	4-Year Private
	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	College High Selectivity	College Very High Selectivity
Far Left	0.5%	0.7%	2.5%	1.7%	1.1%	2.6%
Liberal	12.1	12.0	19.5	21.8	19.6	35.8
Middle-of-the-Road	41.9 ^{a,b}	52.1	52.1	59.3	50.2	38.5
Conservative	42.5 ^a	33.1 ^a	24.1	16.5	27.5	21.9
Far right	3.0	2.1	1.8	0.8	1.6	1.2
(Liberal or Far Left)	(12.6)	$(12.7)^{a}$	(22.0)	(23.5)	(20.7)	(38.4)

29. Freshmen Views"Pro	portions A	Agreeing S	trongly or	Somewhat"		
	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
Minimum competence for college graduation	97.2%	96.6%	90.6%	92.1%	96.2%	95.8%
Women should get job equality	92.4	99.3	88.3	96.9	95.2	96.5
Federal military spending increased	75.4 ^{a,b}	59.6 ^a	41.3	24.0	47.1	18.7
Federal gov't should discourage energy use	71.6	77.2	70.2	76.9	75.2	80.1
High school grading too easy	69.7 ^a	69.2 ^a	54.5	56.0	64.0	65.1
Students should help evaluate faculty	70.1	76.7	69.6	70.0	74.1	77.4
Gov't not controlling pollution	68.7	77.2	75.4	81.2	76.9	85.7
Wealthy should pay more taxes	66.1	71.0	69.8	69.7	70.9	62.9
Prohibit homosexual relations	64.3 ^b	37.7	57.8	38.3	43.0	19.0
Abortion should be legalized	49.6	53.8	52.6	53.5	57.9	75.6

29. Freshmen Views--"Proportions Agreeing Strongly or Somewhat" (Continued)

	USMA (Male) (USMA Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity
Sex OK if people like each other	46.9% ^a , ^b	23.3%	61.4%	30.5%	44.3%	56.3%
Busing OK to achieve balance	39.3 ^a	45.8 ^a	51.3	56.8	45.1	54.8
Gov't not protecting consumer	38.3 ^a	47.3 ^a	57.6	67.2	49.8	57.6
Need national health care plan	36.5 ^{a,b}	46.6 ^a	58.6	64.6	49.2	55.1
Live together before marriage	34.3 ^a	30.8	49.0	38.1	42.4	57.2
Women's activities best in home	31.6 ^b	9.6	29.9	15.9	19.8	12.6
Government not promoting disarmament	30.9 ^{a,b}	42.1 ^a	57.8	73.7	53.3	76.6
College has right to ban speakers	26.2	25.4	24.2	18.6	20.1	10.7
Give disadvantaged preferential treatment	23.8 ^a	22.2 ^a	39.1	36.4	26.2	28.5
College officials have the right to regulate student behavior off						
campus	17.3	17.1	17.0	13.8	13.1	10.1
Should abolish death penalty	14.9	22.8 ^a	23.3	31.3	23.3	35.5
Abolish college grades	10.5	13.1	16.9	11.6	10.5	13.6
Should legalize marijuana	9.8 ^a	9.0 ^a	25.0	19.8	18.1	26.9

30. College Expectations--"Proportion of Students Estimating the Chances as Very Good they will":

they will .					4-Year	4-Year
	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	Public College High Selectivity	Private College Very High Selectivity
Get a bachelor's degree	92.7% ^a	98.6% ^a	73.5%	78.7%	90.8%	88.7%
Find a job in own field after graduation	84.9 ^a	87.3 ^a	68.2	73.4	80.0	61.3
Be satisfied with college	63.2 ^a	53.9	49.6	59.5	63.8	74.4
Live in a coeducational dorm	62.6 ^{a,b}	95.1 ^a	29.0	27.8	66.1	68.7
Play varsity athletics	43.2 ^a	49.7 ^a	27.8	13.0	28.4	31.0
Make at least a "B" average	38.8	29.0 ^a	38.4	42.3	48.6	50.5
Marry within a year after college	24.1	16.9	14.1	19.2	17.3	7.5
Join a social fraternity or sorority	17.2	20.1	15.4	21.3	20.4	23.5
Change major field	16.4	29.0 ^{a,b}	12.7	15.0	14.1	26.7
Graduate with honors	14.1	8.3	13.2	12.0	14.9	14.9
Get tutoring in some courses	12.0	19.4	10.2	12.1	8.6	8.4
Change career choice	11.8	26.9 ^{a,b}	11.0	14.7	12.7	29.0
Work full time while attending college	11.5	7.0	4.3	3.3	7.1	1.0
Be elected to an honor society	10.7	10.3	7.8	9.0	12.3	11.4
Get job to pay college expenses	6.8 ^a	8.3 ^a	35.1	42.0	28.2	43.8
Seek individual counseling	5.2	5.6	4.0	4.4	5.0	4.9
Seek vocational counseling	4.9	4.9	5.2	6.5	5.8	12.1
Be elected to a student office	4.3	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.5
Need extra time to get a degree	3.4	4.9	5.3	5.5	4.4	3.1

30. College Expectations--"Proportion of Students Estimating the Chances as Very Good they will": (Continued)

they will": (Contin	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	4-Year Public College High Selectivity	4-Year Private College Very High Selectivity	
Transfer to another college	2.0% ^a	6.4%	12.1%	11.1%	6.4%	3.8%	
Work at outside job	1.5	0.0 ^a	17.3	22.2	9.6	10.9	
Fail one or more courses	1.4	0.0	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.5	
Drop out permanently	1.4	3.5	1.1	0.7	1.1	0.5	
Participate in student protests	1.3	0.7	4.9	4.4	3.7	12.3	
Drop out temporarily	1.1	0.7	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.2	
Get married in college	0.6	0.0	3.6	6.2	2.1	1.4	

Within the framework of a 4-year undergraduate education, students were asked to estimate the likelihood of occurrence of the items listed above, and on the previous page, according to the following estimates of occurrence: very good, some, very little, no chance. Proportions shown for these items represent only those individuals estimating chances of occurrences as very good for each item.

31. Long-run Objectives--"Proportion of Students Considering it Essential or Very Important to":

tant to":					4-Year	4-Year
	USMA (Male)	USMA (Female)	4-Year College (Male)	4-Year College (Female)	Public College High Selectivity	Private College Very High Selectivity
Be an authority in my field	80.1%	86.1% ^a	75.9%	73.4%	77.4%	73.8%
Raise a family	75.2 ^b	57.6 ^a	69.4	69.5	71.7	66.8
Keep up with political affairs	69.2 ^a	66.9 ^a	47.0	35.2	52.7	64.0
Help others in difficulty	61.0 ^b	72.4	56.9	72.0	63.2	65.9
Have administrative responsibility	60.8 ^a	57.9 ^a	44.6	40.6	47.5	32.1
Be very well off financially	59.5 ^a	53.1 ^a	74.1	65.2	65.0	58.8
Obtain recognition from colleagues	57.6	59.3	58.2	55.9	58.1	55.9
Develop a philosophy of life	49.2	54.5	46.9	48.1	49.7	62.1
Influence social values	35.2	35.9	32.4	37.0	31.2	34.3
Promote racial understanding	35.1	42.4	33.8	36.9	32.3	48.6
Succeed in my own business	33.0 ^a	26.9 ^a	56.0	47.0	34.9	42.6
Influence political structure	27.7	30.6 ^a	20.0	14.1	19.8	24.9
Participate in com- munity action	18.2	26.4	22.5	26.5	22.4	28.3
Help clean up environment	17.5	25.5	23.5	19.1	20.7	26.4
Make a theoretical contribution to science	13.6	13.1	16.5	10.6	20.5	18.6
Write original works	5.6	13.8	11.9	13.1	11.8	23.1
Achieve in a perform-						
ing art	5.0	12.4	11.0	13.9	12.6	19.9
Create artistic work	4.3	6.2	11.2	13.0	11.1	16.7

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21	Are you - (Mark all that apply) White Caucasian			
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	American Indian			
	Asian American Oriental			
	Mexican American Chicano			
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Other

22 Are you a U.S. citizen? 23 Are you a twin? (Mark one)

Yes identical

Yes fraternal

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	Attended a religious service	F	0	N	
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	art competition	F	0	7	
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	book or literary magazine	F	0	N	1
	Participated in a science contest	F	0	N	
	Did extra (unassigned) work				
	reading for a course	F	0	N	
	Overslept and missed a class				
	or appointment	F	0	N	İ
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	Performed volunteer work	f	0	N	ļ
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	study skills		v	s	N
	There was nothing better	to do	v	5	N
	To make me a more cultu	red perso	n V	s	7
	To be able to make more	money	v	5	N
	To learn more about thin	gs that			
	interest me		v	\$	N
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	To prepare myself for gra	duate or			
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	enough funds to co	mplete co	llege).	
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College degree Some graduate school

Graduate degree

LLB orJD (Law)

Other

B.D. or M.DIV (Divinity)

32 Mark only three responses, one in each column.

M Your mother's occupation F Your father's occupation Your probable career occupation NOTE If your father or mother is deceased, please indicate his or her last occupation Accountant or actuary Actor or entertainer Architect or urban planner м Business (clerical) Business executive (management, administrator) м Business owner or proprietor Business salesman or buyer м Clergyman (minister, priest) Clergy lother religious? м Clinical psychologist м College teacher м Computer programmer or analyst Conservationist or forester Dentist finctuding orthodontisti м Dietitian or home economist Engineer м Farmer or rancher Foreign service worker (including diplomat) Homemaker Ifull time! interior decorator (including designer) м Interpreter translator Lab technician or hygienist Law enforcement office м Lawyer (attorney) or judge Military service (career) F. M Musician (performer composer) м Optometrist м Pharmacist Physician School counselor School principal or superintendent Scientific researcher м Social, welfare or recreation worker Therapist (physical occupational, speech) м Teacher or administrator (elementary) м Teacher or administrator (secondary) Veterinarian F м м Writer or journalist Skilled trades Other Undecided Laborer (unskilled) Semi skilled worker м Other occupation

Unemployed

33 Below are some reasons that might have 35. Current religious preference influenced your decision to attend this (Mark one in each column) particular college. How important was each reason in your decision Baptist to come here? (Mark one answer Buddhist for each possible reason) Ş ەد Congregational (U.C.C.) V 5 N My relatives wanted me to come here Eastern Orthodox My teacher advised me v s Islamic This college has a very good Jewish Latter Day Saints (Mormon) academic reputation Lutheran This college has a good reputation for its social activities S N Methodist I was offered financial assistance Quaker (Society of Friends) Roman Catholic This college offers special educational programs Seventh Day Adventist This college has low tuition SN Unitarian Universalist My guidance counselor advised me Other Protestant I wanted to live near home s N Other Religion A friend suggested attending None 36. During high school (grades 9-12) how A college replirecruited me 5 N many years did you study each of the The athletic dept-recruited me following subjects? This college's graduates gain (Mark one for each item! admission to top graduate professional schools VSN 0 % English This college's graduates get good jobs Mathematics Not offered financial aid by first Foreign Language choice college Physical Science Biological Science 34. Do you have a disability? (Mark all that apply) History Am Govt Learning disability Other Social Studies Hearing Health related Computer Science 0 1/2 1 2 3 4 Speech Partially sighted or blind Art and or Music 0 % 1 2 3 4 Orthopedia 1 Disagree Strongly BE SURE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS 35 AND 36. 2 Disagree Somewhat Agree Somewhat 37 Mark one in each row. Agree Strongly The Federal government is not doing enough to protect the consumer from faulty goods and services The Federal government is not doing enough to promote disarmament The Federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution The Federal government should do more to discourage energy consumption Federal military spending should be increased The death penalty should be abolished A national health care plan is needed to cover everybody's medical costs Abortion should be legalized Grading in the high schools has become too easy The activities of married women are best confined to the home and family A couple should live together for some time before deciding to get married If two people really like each other it's all right for them to have sex even if they ve known each other for only a very short time Women should receive the same salary and opportunities for advancement as men in comparable positions Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now Marijuana should be legalized Busing is O.K. if it helps to achieve racial balance in the schools It is important to have laws probibiting homosexual relationships College officials have the right to regulate student behavior off campus Faculty promotions should be based in part on student evaluations

College officials have the right to ban persons with extreme views from speaking on campus

Students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential

All college graduates should be able to demonstrate some minimal competency

College grades should be abolished

treatment in college admissions

in written English and mathematics

38. Below is a list of different undergraduate major fields grouped into general categories. Mark only one circle to indicate your probable field of study.

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ARTS AND HUMANITIES	PHYSICAL SCIENCE	performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.) Becoming an authority in my field	E V 5 N
	Astronomy	Obtaining recognition from my colleagues f	for contributions to
Art tine and applied English (language and	Astronomy Atmospheric Science	my special field	E V 5 N
English (language ann Titerature)	Linct Meteorology)	Influencing the political structure	E V S N
History	Chemistry	Influencing social values	E V 5 N
Journalism	Earth Science	Raising a family	L V S N
Language and Exterature	Marine Science (incl	Having administrative responsibility for the	e work of others EVSN
(except English)	Oceanography)	Being very well off financially	EVSN
Music	Mathematics	Helping others who are in difficulty	E V 5 N
Philosophy	Physics	Making a theoretical contribution to science	ce EVSN
Speech	Statistics	Writing original works (poems, novels, shor	
Theater or Drama	Other Physical Science	Creating artistic work (painting, sculpture,	
Theology or Religion	PROFESSIONAL	Being successful in a business of my own	E V S N
Other Arts and Humanities	Architecture or Urban	Becoming involved in programs to clean up	
	Planning	Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE	Home Economics	Participating in a community action progra	
Biology (general)	Health Technology (medical,	Helping to promote racial understanding	EVSN
Biochemistry or	dental, laboratory)	Keeping up to date with political affairs	No Chance
Biophysics	Library or Archival Science	40. What is your best guess as to	(N) No Chance ————————————————————————————————————
Botany	Nursing	the chances that you will:	S Some Chance
Marine (Life) Science	Pharmacy	(Mark one for each item)	Very Good Chance → I I I V S L N
Microbiology or	Predental, Premedicine,	Change major field?	V S L N
Bacterintogy	Preveterinary	Change career choice?	
Zoology	Therapy (occupational,	Fail one or more courses?	
Other Biological	physical, speech)	Graduate with honors?	
Science	Other Professional	Be elected to a student office?	
	SOCIAL SCIENCE	Get a job to help pay for college expenses	·
BUSINESS	Anthropology	Work full time white attending college?	
Accounting	Economics	Join a social fraternity, sorority, or club?	
Business Admin (general)	Ethnic Studies	Live in a coeducational dorm?	
Finance	Geography	Play varsity intercollegiate athletics? Be elected to an academic honor society?	V S L N
Marketing	Political Science (gov't.,	Make at least a "B" average?	V S L N
Management	enternational relations)	Make at least a "B" average? Need extra time to complete your degree to	
Secretarial Studies	Psychology	Get tutoring help in specific courses?	v s L N
Other Business	Social Work Sociology	Have to work at an outside job during coll	•
EDUCATION	Sociology Women's Studies	Seek vocational counseling?	V S L N
EDUCATION	Other Social Science	Seek individual counseling on personal pro	oblems? V S L N
Business Education Elementary Education	TECHNICAL	Get a bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)?	
Music or Art Education	Building Trades	Participate in student protests or demonst	
Music or Art Education Physical Education or	Data Processing or	Drop out of this college temporarily (excli	
Physical Education or Recreation	Computer Programming	Drop out permanently lexicude transferri	
Secondary Education	Drafting or Design	Transfer to another college before graduat	
Secondary Education Special Education	Electronics	Be satisfied with your college?	VSLN
Special Education Other Education	Mechanics .	Find a job after college in the field for wh	hich you were trained? . V S L N
, grandered	Other Technical	Get married white in college? (skip if mar	rried) V S L N
ENGINEERING	OTHER FIELDS	Get married within a year after college? (
Agronautical or	Agriculture	The Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA	actively encourages the colleges that participate
Agrionautical Erro	Communications	in this survey to conduct local studies of their stud	dents. If these studies involve collecting follow-up.
Covil Engineering	(radio, T.V., etc.)	data, it is necessary for the institution to know the be linked with the data from this survey. If your o	college asks for a tape copy of the data and signs.
Chemical Engineering	Computer Science	an agreement to use it only for research purpos	ses, do we have your permission to include your
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Industrial Engineering	Military Science	42 A B C D E questo ally designed doar by the Higher Edu	i by your contege i rather 47, A B C D E. ord on Research institute
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39. Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: (Mark one for each item)

Not Important

S Somewhat Important

Very Important

Essential

APPENDIX B

LIST OF COLLEGES INCLUDED IN ACE NORM GROUPS FOR PUBLIC (HIGH SELECTIVITY), AND PRIVATE (VERY HIGH SELECTIVITY), COLLEGES

Public Four-Year Colleges High Selectivity (1,025 or more on SAT-V + SAT-M)

1.	Georgia Institute of Technology	6.	US Air Force Academy
2.	New Jersey Institute of Technology	7.	US Coast Guard Academy
3.	SUNY at Geneseo	8.	US Military Academy
4.	SUNY at Potsdam	9.	US Naval Academy

5. SUNY at Purchase

Private Four-Year Colleges Very High Selectivity (1,175 or more on SAT-V + SAT-M)

1.	Barnard College	15.	Haverford College
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6.	Colorado College	20.	Swarthmore College
7.	Connecticut College	21.	Trinity College (CT)
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9.	Dickinson College	23.	Vassar College
10.	Franklin & Marshall College	24.	Washington & Lee University
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